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Replacement License Plates

Date: March 30, 2021

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Dear Haoxing You:



Why did you receive this correspondence?

We value and respect the privacy of your information, which is why the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Registry of Motor Vehicles ("MassDOT") is writing to you today. We want to inform you of a recent incident where one of our employees inadvertently disclosed certain elements of your information. It is important to note that we are not aware of any misuse of your information and believe any misuse is unlikely. However, we wanted to notify you of the incident out of an abundance of caution.

Specifically, during a test of an internal software program under development, your customer profile, including your name, address, and motor vehicle make and model, registration license plate number and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), was inadvertently shared with another Massachusetts resident who is not a MassDOT employee. Please note that your Social Security Number and financial information were not disclosed. MassDOT learned of this incident on March 23, 2021 and immediately commenced an investigation. The individual who mistakenly received your information has been asked to destroy it. We believe that your information has not been shared further.



What do you need to do?

If you would like to obtain a free replacement set of license plates and an updated registration, please contact the individual at the end of this letter to receive the plates and registration by mail.

Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident; however, we have not filed a police report at this time. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

You may also place a security freeze on your credit reports, free of charge. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report without written authorization. However, please be aware that placing a security freeze on your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any requests you make for new loans,



credit mortgages, employment, housing or other services. Under federal law, you cannot be charged to place, lift, or remove a security freeze.

You must place your request for a freeze with each of the three (3) major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax (www.equifax.com); Experian (www.experian.com); and TransUnion (www.transunion.com). To place a security freeze on your credit report, you may send a written request by regular, certified or overnight mail at the addresses below. You may also place a security freeze through each of the consumer reporting agencies' websites or over the phone, using the contact information below:

Equifax Security Freeze
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348
1-800-349-9960
<https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/>

Experian Security Freeze
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742
<https://www.experian.com/freeze/center.html>

TransUnion Security Freeze
P.O. Box 160
Woodlyn, PA 19094
1-888-909-8872
<https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze>

In order to request a security freeze, you will need to provide some or all of the following information to the credit reporting agency, depending on whether you do so online, by phone, or by mail:

1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
2. Social Security Number;
3. Date of birth;
4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, the addresses where you have lived over the prior five (5) years;
5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill, telephone bill, rental agreement, or deed;
6. A legible photocopy of a government issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.);
7. Social Security Card, pay stub, or W2;



8. If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.

The credit reporting agencies have up to three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit report, based upon the method of your request. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five (5) business days and provide you with a unique personal identification number (PIN) or password (or both) that can be used by you to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze. It is important to maintain this PIN/password in a secure place, as you will need it to lift or remove the security freeze.

To lift the security freeze in order to allow a specific entity or individual access to your credit report, you must make a request to each of the credit reporting agencies by mail, through their website, or by phone (using the contact information above). You must provide proper identification (including name, address, and social security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze, as well as the identities of those entities or individuals you would like to receive your credit report. You may also temporarily lift a security freeze for a specified period of time rather than for a specific entity or individual, using the same contact information above. The credit bureaus have between one (1) hour (for requests made online or by telephone) and three (3) business days (for request made by mail) after receiving your request to lift the security freeze for those identified entities or for the specified period of time.

To remove the security freeze, you must make a request to each of the credit reporting agencies by mail, through their website, or by phone (using the contact information above). You must provide proper identification (name, address, and social security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze. The credit bureaus have between one (1) hour (for requests made online or by telephone) and three (3) business days (for requests made by mail) after receiving your request to remove the security freeze.

MassDOT considers the protection and security of your personal information one of its highest priorities and regrets any inconvenience that this incident may have caused you.



Are you responsible for any fees?

You are not responsible for any fees related to a replacement set of license plates and updated registration.



What if you have questions?

If you have any questions and to receive the replacement plates by mail, please contact Phyllis Burke in the RMV's Special Plates Department at (857) 368-7515.

Sincerely,

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles